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I feel the government needs to stick to the "no net loss" of functioning wetlands rule and start enforcing these rules to the letter. I feel that the regulatory agencies do not do enough to ensure that wetlands and wildlife are adequately mitigated for. As for isolated wetlands, if they serve a function (e.g., wildlife habitat, flood control) they should be mitigated for. We've lost most of our nation's wetlands already. We need to stop giving in to developers and politicians (i.e., money!) and start managing our nation's natural resources like we actually care about them...not just pay lip service to vague, unenforced regulations that don't work. We all want clean water and natural spaces...at least some of us do. I really hope the system gets a grand overhaul and starts actually regulating wetland mitigation and making violators pay dearly. It's sickening what some of us call mitigation....it's almost a joke to those of us who see it up close and personal, but the kicker is that it is not really funny to watch our nation's natural heritage disappear and then sit and wonder what happened.

I hope for the best with the revised regulations.

Thank you.

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